the religious orders, in time acquired by state grant or pious legacy large and valuable estates for mission work. Churches and convents, well constructed and situated, sprang up throughout the Islands.

Much was done by the priesthood for the moral and intellectual development of the people. The reverend parochial priest played an important part in practically every branch of the municipal government and in the lives of the people. In many municipalities the memory of some good *padre,* truly a father to his flock and their kind benefactor, is still cherished. To the everlasting credit of the Catholic Church stands the conversion of practically an entire people and a conscientious effort to supply that people with the Christian religion and to better their conditions in many and varied ways.

In the course of time it cannot be gainsaid by anyone that the friars as a class became unpopular. Exactly what the causes of this antagonism were, need not be gone into in detail, but probably the bitterness arose largely because of the priests becoming the symbols of foreign domination with real or imaginary oppression. Also what has been described as the "vexed and delicate question" of the morality of the friars need not detain us, except to observe that it would be strange if in a far country like the Philippines, an occasional priest might not be tempted by earthly considerations. The Filipinos themselves were inclined to be tolerant and to condone any slip from grace on the part of the priests. Whatever the causes of the hostile feeling when the Americans arrived, the Filipinos were ready to go to the extreme of

confiscating all Church properties and of banishing the Spanish priests.

During the last three decades, the breach between the people and the Church has been completely healed. The great mass of the people belong to the Catholic Church. Hardly a prominent Filipino can be mentioned who was not at least baptized a Catholic. The ordinary Filipino is loyal to his Church and the Church satisfies his religious nature. This is